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REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18, and 19 remain in the application.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claim 5. Claims 2-4 and 6 remain dependent upon claim 1. Claim 16 is amended to include the limitations of claim 17. Claims 18 and 19 remain dependent upon claim 16. In addition, as will be discussed below, independent claims 1, 7 and 16 have been amended to comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 8-15 are dependent upon claim 7. Claims 5 and 17 have been canceled since the limitations in those claims are now included in claims 1 and 16 respectfully.

In paragraph 10 of the Office Action the Examiner indicated that claims 5, 17 and 7-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101. The limitations in claim 5 are now in claim 1 and the limitations in claim 17 are now in claim 16. It is submitted that claims 2-4 and 6 which are dependent upon claim 1 and claims 18 and 19 which are dependent upon claim 16 should likewise be included as allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claim 1 is amended to include the step of "retrieving those target database records that correspond to the reference database record." It is respectfully submitted that the step of retrieving produces a useful concrete tangible result of retrieving records which match a query.

Claim 7 is amended to include the step of "retrieving those target database records that correspond to the matching reference database records." It is respectfully submitted that the step of retrieving produces a useful concrete tangible result of retrieving records which match a query.

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Claim 16 is amended to include "retrieval of a list of identified target database records." The list is an element of a system within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 101.

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It is respectfully submitted that the independent claims 1, 7 and 16 comply with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 101 and as such should be deemed in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-4, and 6 which are dependent upon claim 1; dependent claims 8-15 which are dependent upon claim 7; and dependent claims 18 and 19 which are dependent upon claim 16 should likewise be deemed in condition for allowance.

Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, 6-16, 18 and 19 remaining in the application are respectfully requested.

Authorization is hereby given to charge Deposit Account No. 02-1822 the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a) of \$1050.00 for a three (3) month extension of the time to reply to the Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,



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